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journal

The first thing I would like to bring up this week is something I neglected last week, the subject of lighting in the Science Library. For those who don't read letters to the editor a student wrote to the Bruns with a complaint about the poor quality of lighting in the library. A Brunswickan staffer decided to investigate the complaint and discovered that the lighting was indeed inadequate according to any standard, although as the student who wrote in pointed out, it was entirely adequate around the circulation desk. His matter was then brought to the attention of Assistant Vice President Administration Eric Garland who has promised us that the matter will be rectified.

The vandalism of all vandalism was executed the other night when the red light on top of the campus security car was stolen. The Chief was quite incensed by the theft and would like students to know that the reason for the light was so the car could function as an emergency ambulance. You're hurting yourselves according to the Chief. To the person who stole it . . . tut tut.

A meeting with Premier Richard Hatfield and student representative Steve Berube and Dave Bartlett confirmed what

many had predicted - that tuition increases are almost inevitable. I suggest that students begin to pressure the union into doing something more constructive than listening to the Premiers excuses. Half the council is new and we have a brand new spanking president. Students, unless you want to see the inevitable, state your demands to the people who represent you. The upper echelon anyway can be found on the second floor of the Student Union Building.

An interesting thing happened at the SRC meeting Monday night when Geoff Worrell, outgoing comptroller, brought a motion to the council to reduce student fees by \$3.00. The motion was seconded by Berube who also spoke to the motion with Geoff. According to Geoff and Steve we will be having a \$35,000 surplus on the union this year, and it's just not kosher to have that much money floating around. We won't mention how good it would look for them, giving back money on their way out.

However several important things were not considered. One such was the information on which the prediction was based. Not only was it not taken into account that bills will be coming in over the summer, the prediction was based on the premise that things will roll along just as they are currently doing. This is unrealistic. The union had a sizable surplus at the end of last year also, to the tune of \$36,000 yet over \$10,000 in unpaid accounts arrived during the summer. Another thing to consider is that organization as a whole looks in excellent shape, presently, with over 11 organizations very much underspent (including the paper we're proud to add) it's unrealistic to think this will remain so. Many organizations don't spend their budget until second term when all the bills begin to roll in and supplies are depleted. More importantly the executive of these organizations usually differ from year to year and what one person did well once, may not be repeated. With reduced student fees who can tell what will happen next year when things don't look so bright? I don't think students will be happy about an increase next year (despite the fact a decrease was accomplished the year before) if this should prove the case.

I don't know about anyone else but I am sure there are a lot of good uses the money could be put to. When is the last time you saw an SRC sponsored pub? Or what about guest speakers? Not to speak of movies, or really anything else which will involve the majority of the student body?

I also think it was rather a low move to bring it up when they did. The new council is just coming in and I think they have a right to decide for themselves how the union should be run.

Well, students I'm afraid this is the last week you'll see the Bruns until after March break. Sorry for the inconvenience but with mid terms, essays and other assorted reasons 4 or 5 people can't make it in and as this comprises most of our staff there's no one to put a paper out. See you in two weeks.

Pen troll on the loose

Dear Editor:

I've had it! I've taken all I can take and I can't take any more. All these years I've been losing pens and pencils and now I'm convinced that there is a little troll following me around. Last time I thought I would be smart. I put my name on a white BIC clic in indelible marker. The other day I looked to see how much ink was left in it and I saw that it was almost

empty. My pen had kept from being lost until it was almost empty! Believe me I was happy. But, wouldn't you know it. I lost that pen later that day. Has anybody seen that little troll. He has a fortune worth of pens. All I want is that pen. If anybody has seen it, let me know. I know! Next time I'm going to put my phone number on the next pen I get.

A Student

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sound-off

Child abuse relevant problem

Dear Editor:

How many of us are aware of the many cases of child abuse prevalent in our society today? You may wonder what this is doing in a student newspaper but we feel this is an appropriate time for everyone to become concerned with this issue. Many of us are in child related and health related fields of study (in particular B.N., B.P.E., and B.Ed. students) and we will probably come in contact with victims of child abuse at some time our career. This is not to say that we will be the only ones but because of our day to day contact with children and families, there is a greater likelihood of us coming

in contact with child abuse.

We are now required, under the Child Welfare Act, to report any known cases of child abuse to the proper authorities. The reporting of such cases will benefit both the victims and the abusers. It is the responsibility of each and every member of our society to do so. The name of the person who reports a child abuse case will be kept confidential.

Within the university itself, many of us may be far removed from this situation. However, as future members of a community and/or parents there is a chance we will come in contact with incidents of child battery and child neglect.

During this International Year of the Child we hope that you will establish what your stand will be in regards to this responsibility.

Concerned Education Students,
Patti & Joanne

Thanks!

Dear Editor:

The UNB Winter Carnival Committee would like to show their thanks and appreciation to all the companies who helped make the Carnival Parade a success!!!

York Structural Steel; Atmos Equipment; Speedway Express; C.J. Charters & Sons Ltd.; S.S. Baird & Sons Ltd.; Ludford Line Const.; Mach Maritime; Midland Transport Group; Atlas Construction; Tractors & Equipment; M.E. Philips & Sons Ltd.; M.W. Price & Sons; Frecon Ltd.; McMinnimon's Transfer; J. Clark & Son; Wood Motors; CFNB Radio.

No \$3 off

Dear Editor:

At the last SRC meeting past Comptroller Geoff Worrell brought in a motion that asked for a referendum to be called so that the students could vote on a three dollar reduction in their SRC fees. I, along with the majority of the council defeated this motion with good reason.

Firstly, neither Claire Fripp or myself were consulted on this motion before it entered Council and the new Comptroller was also left in the dark by Geoff. Naturally this came as quite a surprise to us, along with the fact that it was seconded by Steve Berube. Secondly, as you well know the topic of CHSR going off campus has been discussed at great length and hopefully it will become a reality in the near future. It is however going to cost a great deal of money and if CRTC does give CHSR creditation then we would have to hold a referendum to see if the student body would agree to a rise in fees to help fund it. It would put everyone in an awkward situation if there was a reduction in student fees and then a few years later an increase was sought in fees. (About six dollars). Naturally, students would vote for a reduction in fees but they would certainly think twice if they had to pay another six bucks later, regardless if they got an FM station or not.

I am certainly in agreement for a freeze on student fees but a reduction would tie the hands of the new council. In conclusion dear Editor let me say that I don't think Geoff and Steve acted in the best interest of the students in this particular case and the rest of the council showed good judgement by defeating the motion.

Yours truly,
Blair Moffatt
V.P. Internal

Took 'ass by the whole'

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank John Rick for his comments concerning my criticism of the W.L.M.C. in the previous issue of the Brunswickan.

I realize Mr. Rick that the C.P.'s have not abused Jones House for several years. I was referring to anecdotes related to myself (by a Jones House member last year), concerning C.P. use quite a while ago, (apparently 1976).

No matter what, I would like to take this opportunity to say, I envy the way you took the ass by the whole.

Which brings me to Chief Young and his foolishness, but I repeat myself. Between you and me Chief you ought to put that eagle feather back in your hat before you cause the rest of your tribe any more embarrassment. You talk so much shit you could grow mushrooms on your head.

If the Brunswickan consented to print my letter after having refused to print any more until I confided my identity, you don't have to live on Baker Street to figure out that I must have told

them.

With regard to my describing old C.P. antics in Jones House the message is this. They thought your operation stank, and they apparently think your operation stinks. It is more profitable to be responsible for themselves, than to bring Gulliver's Yahoos back for another romp.

It is easy to understand how you came to be chosen for your position after laughing at the rest of your comments. Four complete paragraphs completely devoid of intelligent thought. Bravo!! You demonstrate the cunning of a narc, and the style of a politician. You must be a full time C.P. It's a miracle that you've managed to cheat Thanksgiving for so long.

Even though a C.P. like yourself must have the opportunity to enter the public abuse field of his choice, you've really missed your calling if you don't go hog farming. After all a man with your experience in herding pigs must be in great demand.

Yours truly,
Greg Foxe

Extrava-beginza not bad

Dear Editor:

I would like to set Miss Gorman straight. Extrava-beginza wasn't all that bad. You could hardly call it a disaster. I guess you must be a rookie at these things, in the past 3 years that I have been here there has not been a coat check. Maybe if you didn't wear your best fur coat, you could have left it in one of the 1000 corners of the SUB.

Your next complaint was that Finnigan was in the ballroom. As the most popular of the three groups they were given the top spot. I spent time watching each of the groups and found that most people in the building were up there. Molly Oliver did not arrive until 8:30 p.m. and were pressed to set up in time. They had too much equipment to set up in one end of the room, so they set up in the middle of room 6. We realized the problem so we removed some

tables from the cafe. After the chairs had been taken up to Finnigan, Janus played at extravaganza and there was lots of room for dancing. I am sorry that you had to wait in line for tickets. I realize that this is the only place you have ever had to wait in line on campus!

It's too bad you are so narrow minded that you let little things bother you so much that you couldn't enjoy yourself - the people I spoke to enjoyed themselves thoroughly. It is easy to be critical, why didn't we see your ideas on the Carnival Committee. As for another week to get it together the carnival is a full time job and I sacrificed a lot for it. Why don't you call me and we can talk about it, as I can't call you your name must have left off the student list?

Yours Graeme Caskey
Winter Carnival Chairman